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THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE APPOINTS TWO MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2017—The Franklin Institute has announced the election of two members to its board of trustees: Christopher Franklin and Richard Henriques. The new trustees join a 46-member board that is considered to be one of the strongest non-profit boards in the region, both for its depth and diversity of talent and resources. "As The Franklin Institute looks to the future, the value of having these individuals who share notable interests and extensive experience in the areas of finance, science, and philanthropy join our board is incalculable," said Larry Dubinski, president and CEO of The Franklin Institute. "We are grateful for their time and look forward to leveraging their talents and those of all of our board members."

Christopher Franklin is president and chief executive officer of Aqua America (NYSE:WTR), one of the nation's largest publicly traded water and wastewater utilities. A 20-plus-year veteran of the company, Franklin has held various executive roles in public affairs, customer service, and operations throughout his career. Most recently, he was president and COO of regulated operations for Aqua America, before transitioning into his current role. Before his tenure at Aqua America, Franklin worked in PECO Energy's public affairs group and focused on economic development issues. Franklin holds a B.S. from West Chester University and an MBA from Villanova University. Christopher, his wife Jennifer and three children live in Chester County, PA.

Richard Henriques is a senior fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for High Impact Philanthropy. In this role, he helps develop practical guidance on how to deploy capital, alongside grants, to achieve philanthropic goals. As the former chief financial officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, he grew the organization's PRI portfolio from $50 million to $700 million during his four-year tenure. Before serving at the Gates Foundation, he served as senior vice president of finance and corporate controller at Merck & Co.Henriques is a two-time Penn alumnus, earning his B.A. in Oriental Studies from the University and his MBA from The Wharton School. Dick Henriques and his wife Sally live in New Hope, PA.

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